

STORMY WINDS FULFILLING HIS WORD

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“And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.”

Matthew 14:22-34

Prior to this story, Jesus had just fed the multitudes by multiplying the loaves and fishes. As Jehovah Jirah, the Lord our Provider, He meets all our needs according to His riches in glory. But far too many people seek the Lord for what He has and not who He is. Thousands pressed their way to the scene of this great miracle, but it does not mean they were hungry for the Lord. In this present hour, the Lord is seeking a people who desire more than what He can do for them but what He can do through them out of an intimate relationship with Him. The Word of God says many are called but few are chosen. I like to say, many are called out but few choose to go further and



deeper in the things of God. Multitudes received a miracle that day but twelve men were chosen by the Lord to go farther that day in God.

Straightway Jesus “constrained” His disciples to get in the ship. To constrain means to compel, force; to restrain from action. Apostle Paul said, *“the love of Christ constraineth us.”* My intimate relationship with the Lord restrains me and keeps me from doing certain things. Before I met the Lord I did things that I cannot do now. I have convictions that restrain me from doing, going and saying whatever I want to.

His love constraineth me. I used to live my life unto myself but now unto Him I live.

In verse 23, we see this story occurred when evening was come. We are at the close of this age, therefore this is an evening revelation. Jesus ascended up the mountain after putting His disciples in the boat and prayed up a storm. Trouble and opposition are not always an indication one is backslidden or disobedient. The opposite is true. Storms come to develop character and build our faith. The ship was in the midst of the sea. The Lord does not deliver us from the storm but through the storms of life. This pattern holds true throughout the scriptures. Jehovah



took Israel through the Red Sea and through the wilderness. The three Hebrew boys were not delivered from the fiery furnace but through it. God's Word declares that we enter the Kingdom through much tribulation. Once again, our faith is meant to take us through the storms into greater realms of faith. Our faith is always measured by what can stop us.

Back on the shore Jesus gave a prophetic word to these men by saying get into the boat we are going to the other side. The outcome was already secure in the Word He gave.

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:" Isaiah 46:10

God always declares the end from the beginning. The end governs all the processes of God. Everything must be received by the end, not the present or past circumstances. The past or the present do not define you, your future does. When the Lord speaks to us prophetically about our future, there will be winds that will come to contradict what the Lord has spoken. Storms of life will contradict the promises of God you carry. But the Psalmist said "stormy winds fulfill His Word". The Lord will allow winds to come against you to prepare you for your destiny. A true Word from the Lord will rock your boat. Thank God He has purchased us but He has also purposed us in Him. Many times we question if the Lord will finish what He has started in us.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

Philippians 1:6

What He has started He promised He will complete. He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. The truth of the matter is God finishes it before He starts it. Praise the Lord!

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

All things work together for good to those who love Him and are the called of God according to His purpose. If the Lord has spoken His purpose to us then everything will work together for good to bring it to pass.

Verse 25 says that Jesus came walking on the water in the fourth watch. The fourth watch was the dawning of a new day. In recent years the Body of Christ at large has gone through many difficult storms. But a new day is dawning upon the Church and the Lord is appearing to us in many different forms.

"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him."

Psalm 50:3

The word tempestuous is the same word for storm. The Lord Jesus shows up in the midst of our storms. He always shows up where we do not want to be. The disciples did not recognize Him. They thought He was a devil. Many times saints rebuke their storms thinking it is of the devil, when the Lord is really in the midst of the storm. When the disciples cried out in fear Jesus responded saying "it is I." He is the eternal I Am! The two greatest enemies of the church are the past and the future. Much of the church's theology has kept Jesus in the past or coming sometime in the future. In reality He is the God of the now, the I Am, a present help in time of trouble. He not only has come and will come but He desires to

appear to us now in the midst of our difficulties and problems.

I like Peter, he is always ready to take a risk. He called out of the boat and said, "Lord, if it be you bid me, come". One word got Peter out of the boat, "come". All we need is one Word from the Lord and we can rise above troubled waters. In this present hour, the Lord is raising up overcomers who will rise above their circumstances and troubles and bring them under their feet. Peter did not walk on water, but on the eternal Word of God. We can put our complete trust in the Lord and step



out of our boat. Nothing is impossible to those who will put their trust in His infallible Word. As long as we keep our eyes on the eternal Word of God we will not fall. When Peter looked at the storm he began to sink. Only when we behold our problems and get our eyes off Jesus do we sink into our troubles. We must, in these days keep our focus on Jesus. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Faith will get you out of the boat and grace will pick you up if you fall. When they entered the ship together immediately they were on the other side. God has some suddenlies prepared for you and I. We will find ourselves at Gennesaret, which derives from the word genesis or new beginning.

The Lord has some new beginnings and new things prepared for us on the other side. Be encouraged if you are in contradicting circumstances, remember what He spoke to you on the shore. You are going to the other side. Nothing that is can stop what shall be from coming to pass. God is making you an overcomer. You will come through and experience God's promises over your life! Remember, stormy winds come to fulfill His Word in your life.



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